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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



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Ashley Olson, who was paralyzed in a 1998 car accident in which her father Jim was killed, visits commemorative rock in Ken Mercer Sports Park where his name is inscribed on a memorial plaque. She's shown on wheelchair-accessible ramp to the memorial, which she encouraged Pleasanton to build.

## Remembering dad on Father's Day at Sports Park

Ashley Olson will spend Father's Day at Ken Mercer Sports Park on Sunday next to a memorial stone that bears her dad's name.

Jim Olson, a Pleasanton landscaper and popular youth sports coach, was killed in the summer of 1998 in a horrific car accident on a Nevada freeway as the family was driving home to Pleasanton. Ashley was thrown from the vehicle and paralyzed from the waist down. Her mother Elaine and younger sister Lori were injured and have recovered. An older sister, Kristina, was attending summer school and had skipped the trip.

June 9 was Jim's birthday, and Ashley was there to see for the first time a new wheelchair-accessible ramp built at her request to ease her trip to the memorial. She'll be there again Sunday to remember him on this special day. She told me that there are 525,600 minutes in a year, and she spends about 200 of them at the memorial rock where her father's name is inscribed.

"Time is precious as we all know," she said. "Although my time at the memorial is short, its impact is undefinable, as is my father's presence. My father loved this place unselfishly, which is an understatement, and his legacy is a reminder that no matter who or where you are, you can serve others for the betterment of all."

I last interviewed Ashley in 2002 on the campus of the University of Southern California, where she was starting her freshman year. She was outside Pardee Tower, her dormitory that was one of the few buildings at USC fully furnished and equipped for those in wheelchairs.

She talked about her challenges, her fond memories of Pleasanton and the support she received, and her future. She was determined then to dedicate her life to helping those with disabilities and always mindful of her father's commitment to working to improve the athletic skills of those in youth sports.

Now living in San Ramon, she

manages a website ([www.wheelchairtraveling.com](http://www.wheelchairtraveling.com)) that has become a prime resource for the disabled, especially those in wheelchairs. Now also on Facebook with colorful photos, many taken by Ashley, it tells those who are paralyzed, who must use walkers or who are frail, suffering from other physical handicaps or temporarily sidelined from hiking and walking with their families where to travel, traverse pathways in local, state and national parks, have an easier time boarding and traveling in planes and otherwise enjoy life the best they can in today's mobile world.

Through her work with the National Park Service and many state park systems, Ashley also has made park management and rangers aware of accessibility problems on their turfs. In a recent trip to a Georgia State Park, she found a popular trail — listed and marked as wheelchair accessible — had partially collapsed into inches of soggy sand during recent rains. It was fixed quickly because of Ashley's complaint.

She's found other trails that are marked paved and accessible not quite so friendly. Heading up one trail in her arm-driven wheelchair, she found the paved path heading up a 22-degree slope not really accessible, except for powered wheelchairs or those with exceptionally strong arms. Yosemite is her favorite park, with well-marked, wheelchair-accessible trails and level campsites for campers and restaurants and nighttime entertainment all available on flat land. There, everyone can enjoy the park, whether walkers or in wheelchairs.

Asked why she still uses a manually driven chair, Ashley points to a friend's motorized one, which is about twice the size and difficult to navigate in a San Ramon condo like hers or to take on her frequent trips to report on accessible public places. She is considering a Firefly, a bike-like wheelchair attachment with a battery motor. Once she has saved the \$300 it costs, she'll order one. ■

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

## How do you help yourself remember all of the passwords for your various accounts, devices and apps?



**Olga Scamurro** *Special ed teacher*

I don't save them anywhere other than in my head, and I always opt out of having my password saved automatically. Having to manually log in to everything keeps my passwords fresh in my memory, and when I do forget, I end up having to reset my password, which is a bit of a nuisance and gives me incentive to just commit them to memory.



**Michael David**  
*Scrub nurse*

I have a document on my computer called "recipes." I embed all of my important passwords into it because I figure anyone trying to figure out my passwords will not think to look for them in that document. Of course now I'm going to have to create a new document, with a different name, because I just gave myself away.



**Stephanie Losee** *Head of internet content*

I have a program that creates a different password for every account but which follows rules that allow me to input passwords without having to actually remember any of them. The passwords are theoretically "strong," but if someone cracked the code for just one of them, they could easily figure out all of the others. Fortunately that has never happened — at least not yet.



**Isaac Friedman**  
*Software engineer*

I use the same password for everything. But I change it every six months, just like my toothbrush.



**Kate Lyttle**  
*Middle school student*

I have a great system. I use the same password for everything, except I insert as the fifth letter of every password the first letter of the account, device or website I'm trying to access. I must say it works like a charm because I've never been hacked.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Spirit Run

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton will host its 23rd annual Father's Day Spirit Run in downtown Pleasanton on Sunday morning.

The popular event, expected to draw more than 2,000 runners, traditionally provides family fun on Father's Day and serves as a fundraiser for college scholarships as well as community and international Rotary Club projects.

There will be a race or walk event for every member of the family, including the 10K run (8 a.m. start), a 5K run/walk (8:15 a.m. start) and three separate Kids' Challenge races (9:30 a.m. start) for children ages 2-8.

The courses start and end on downtown streets and wind through Pleasanton neighborhoods and unpaved scenic trails along the Arroyo del Valle. To register, visit [www.spiritrun.com](http://www.spiritrun.com).

### City open house

Pleasanton city officials are hosting an open house tomorrow morning to provide updates to and solicit feedback from community members about the Civic Center/Library Task Force and its efforts to create a new Pleasanton Civic Center and Library.

The open house, planned as informal and interactive, will give residents the chance to exchange ideas with city staff, the consulting team and the task force about their vision for the new civic center and library.

Stations will be set up where people can check out virtual tours of other civic centers, graphic representations for the proposed new civic center site on the Bernal property and a 3-D model of site plans and architectural concepts.

The free public event is set to run from 10 a.m. to noon at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

### Family Days

The Museum on Main tomorrow is kicking off its Family Days series, which offers children and their families the chance to delve into a little hands-on history fun.

The first installment, "Life on the Ranch," aims to help people learn what it was like to live in an adobe structure during the Californio and Rancho periods of California's history. The entire family can try to practice roping skills, build adobe bricks, make butter from scratch, decorate and stamp leather, and more.

The event is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. ■

## Anti-Costco group files petitions for Nov. 8 vote to ban store on Johnson Drive

### Count underway to determine if sufficient signatures on forms to force initiative

**BY JEB BING**  
Opponents of a possible bid by Costco to build a new membership-only retail store on Johnson Drive in Pleasanton filed a petition with the City Clerk's Office on Tuesday to place an initiative on the Nov. 8 ballot that would ban stores that large from being built there.

Karen Gonzales, Pleasanton's deputy city clerk, said her office began an initial count Tuesday of boxes of petitions containing signatures of registered voters who support the initiative.

If the number of signatures appears sufficient, the signed petitions will be sent to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, whose office will

examine the signatures against its list of registered voters in Pleasanton to determine their accuracy.

Based on the Alameda County Registrar's 154-day report of voter registration for the primary election held on June 7, there were 40,154 registered voters in the city. At least 10% of those voters must have signed the petitions to have the initiative placed on the ballot.

The citizens' coalition that is backing the referendum claims it has the signatures of more than 7,000 residents who stated that they are registered voters.

The group, Citizens for Planned Growth, wants to ban stores over 50,000 square feet from locating on the site.

"We are concerned that the (city) commissions and council have not listened to the people, and we want everyone to have a say in what happens in their community," said Bill Wheeler, owner of Black Tie Transportation, which has its operations on Johnson Drive next to the proposed big-box site. "This initiative will simply give Pleasanton citizens the right to vote on a zoning decision that affects a large percentage of the population."

The initiative, if placed on the November general election ballot and approved by a majority of voters, would prohibit construction of big-box retail stores on the 40-acre Johnson Drive site, but it would allow other potential developers including

several hotel interests to build there.

Retailers with stores under 50,000 square feet also could build there, including another Walmart grocery store and Trader Joe's, which have indicated interests in the site.

The site, once occupied by a Cloxox research center that has since been torn down, is currently under consideration by a city-appointed task force as an economic development site that would change its zoning to allow major new development, including Costco-size retail stores.

Wheeler has been an outspoken opponent of allowing big-box stores on the site, particularly Costco.

"The area identified for the Johnson

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### Fair fun begins

The Alameda County Fair opened its 2016 summer run at the Pleasanton fairgrounds Wednesday. Dubbed "The Spirit of Summer," this year's fair through July 4, except for the next two Mondays when it is closed. It features many of the recognizable and popular attractions from past years (shown) such as carnival rides and games, food and drink vendors, exhibits, horse racing, pig races, the Big O Tires Concert Series, Extreme Action Sports shows, a fireworks spectacular and more — plus a variety of new attractions such as the Budweiser Clydesdales, the K9 Kings flying dog show and other entertainment. Visit [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com) for more information and updated schedules.

## Board brings back all elementary, middle school librarians

### Site technology specialists set to be reduced through layoffs

**BY MEREDITH BAUER**

Pleasanton's school board chipped away at previously approved layoffs yet again Tuesday night, restoring more librarians whose jobs were scheduled to be cut.

Over the past few months, the Pleasanton Unified School District has been adjusting its budget to cover a shortfall in one-time state funds that were fueling dozens of positions.

After voting at its last meeting to re-

duce certain parts of the budget such as furniture expenditures and food purchases for meetings, the board voted 4-0 Tuesday night to use that money to add 2.6 FTE (full-time equivalent) employees that will allow elementary and middle school library assistants to work five hours a day.

Board member Chris Grant was absent Tuesday night and did not vote on the measure.

District staff is searching for ways

to fund the remaining seven FTE that will be laid off at the end of this month, and a proposal could be brought back to the board at the next board meeting on June 28.

The remaining jobs that aren't funded — which are all fueled by one-time funding that didn't get renewed — include site technology specialists at elementary schools (2.25

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## County considers \$2.8 billion budget

### Supervisors to hold public hearings on proposal next week

Alameda County Administrator Susan Muranishi is proposing a \$2.8 billion budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1 that would include modest funding increases to community service providers and expand resources for affordable housing.

Muranishi said her budget would allow the county to continue building its financial reserves and would be balanced by closing a \$72.2 million funding gap without significant program reductions or layoffs to its 9,600 employees.

Muranishi said that while this year's funding gap is smaller than those recorded during and just after the recent economic downturn, when shortfalls routinely topped \$100 million, its size is daunting given the relatively positive conditions in which growth in the national and local economies is providing some boost to county revenues.

She said the county's challenge of keeping its finances in balance isn't likely to decrease in the coming years because a growing wage gap is keeping a large number of residents reliant on government services and there are many forecasts that suggest the economy could fall back into recession in the near future.

"High demand for safety net services administered by the county will continue to strain our resources, as rising home values and rents reduce the stock of affordable housing and

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# Arkin to seek re-election to Pleasanton school board

1st of 3 whose terms expire this year to announce November candidacy

By JEB BING

Pleasanton school board member Valerie Arkin announced Monday that she will seek re-election to a third term on Nov. 8.

Arkin, who was first elected to the school board in November 2008, is one of three school board members whose terms expire this year. The two others, Chris Grant and Jamie Hintzke, have yet to say if they will seek re-election.

“As a parent of three children who went through Pleasanton’s public school system, and as a longtime school volunteer, I understand the need to keep parents completely informed about decisions that will

affect their children and that are being conducted using taxpayer money,” Arkin said.

“During my two terms on the board, I am very proud of the great progress that we have made in improving the communications conduit between the district and the community,” she added. “It is still a work in progress, but I will always continue to lobby for greater advances in the arena of communication.”



Valerie Arkin

She said high academic achievement is her priority as a school board member.

“I will continue working to ensure that Pleasanton students have the programs that address their academic needs, as well as addressing their extra-curricular needs,” she said. “I believe that our students should graduate with the skills they need to succeed in a global economy and be prepared to be socially responsible citizens.”

Arkin, who has handled hundreds of school budget decisions during her two terms of office, said fiscal responsibility is another priority.

Among her other contributions during her tenure have been updating district policies, initiating more reading intervention programs, having a member of the public serve on the audit committee, evaluating the district’s legal services and working with student board members to help them better understand their perspective in considering board decisions.

Arkin, who was chosen by fellow board members to serve as its president in 2011 and 2015, serves on the Special Education Local Plan Area board and the city of Pleasanton Liaison Committee, and she is a delegate for the California School

Board Association (CSBA).

She also served two terms on the Pleasanton Library Commission and is a past member of the board of managers for the Tri-Valley YMCA.

Arkin is a 23-year resident of Pleasanton and lives in the city with her husband, Brian. She has three children including Chris, who works in the tech industry; Angela, a college senior; and Nick, a junior at Amador Valley High School.

Arkin holds a bachelor’s degree in health science from Cal State Northridge and a master’s degree in business administration from California Lutheran University. She also completed the governance training program of the CSBA.

For more information, sign on to her campaign website at [www.valeriearkinforchoolboard.com](http://www.valeriearkinforchoolboard.com). ■

## BUDGET

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require residents to devote larger and larger shares of their incomes to housing costs,” Alameda County Board of Supervisors president Scott Haggerty said in a statement.

Muranishi said rising real estate values have resulted in a 7.1% increase in the county’s assessment roll and increased general purpose revenues for the county, allowing the county to fund increases to many of the community-based organizations that receive support from its general fund.

She said she is proposing that the county increase to \$500 million its annual funding for community-

based organizations that provide health and human services as well as housing, community development and public safety programs.

Supervisor Keith Carson said, “We may be near or at the high water mark in terms of the improving economy, and still we face no small challenge in keeping our finances in order. If, as expected, the economy begins to slip, we should expect those challenges to grow significantly. We’ve got to do all that we can to prepare for tougher times ahead.”

Muranishi said demand for food assistance, subsidized health care, cash aid and other support remains high in Alameda County, despite an unemployment rate that has fallen to 4.3%, which is about half what

## ‘Housing crisis is at the top of the list.’

Keith Carson,  
Alameda County supervisor

it was just a few years ago. She said that suggests the county is home to growing numbers of working poor whose wages are failing to keep up with accelerating costs.

Muranishi also said soaring housing costs are one of the biggest factors squeezing residents with low incomes.

She said that although cuts to federal housing programs mean there’s less funding available for the county to meet community needs, the

Board of Supervisors has continued to spend over \$100 million annually in housing programs across various agencies and departments.

In addition, the board has committed \$5 million to \$7.5 million per year in limited discretionary funding towards affordable housing programs across the county. The Board also is considering placing a housing bond on the November ballot that would raise hundreds of millions of dollars more for affordable housing programs.

Carson said, “There’s no doubt that the housing crisis is at the top of the list of those challenges needing our immediate attention” but he added that “aging infrastructure isn’t far down that list.”

Carson said, “I’m concerned it is going to get more and more difficult to fund needed upgrades to our transportation corridors, community centers and facilities for public safety and other service providers.”

The county’s funding gap is the difference between the cost of maintaining existing programs and projected revenues.

Muranishi is proposing to close the gap through a combination of spending reductions, revenue increases and one-time strategic changes such as efficiency measures.

The Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on the proposed budget from Wednesday through Friday and then vote on it on June 28. ■

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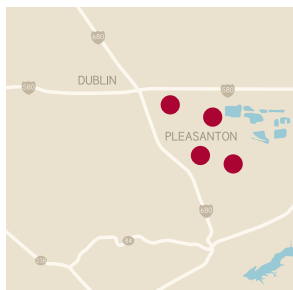


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## Museum hosting talk about internment camps

Japanese-American to describe his experiences during World War II

By JEREMY WALSH

Author Tadashi Kishi is set to speak at the Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton next Thursday about his experiences being locked away in a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II.

When he was 20 years old, Kishi and his family were forced from their Los Angeles-area home and, like thousands of Japanese-Americans (citizens and non-citizens), were sent to an internment camp in the spring of 1942 in the wake of Japan's attacks on Pearl Harbor.

Kishi and his family were housed in

an internment camp in Manzanar, east of Fresno. He was a physics teacher at the camp's high school for a year and then left his family in the camp to work for the Military Intelligent Service teaching Japanese to members of the Army Reserve.

Following the war, Kishi did not talk about his experiences at the camp, staying silent like many of the exiled Japanese-Americans. That changed after his granddaughter asked him to share his story with her class.

He later wrote a memoir about his World War II experiences, "Ringo-En: My Internment at Manzanar, CA."

On Thursday at 7 p.m., Kishi will be on hand at the museum at 603 Main St. to discuss his book and the impact internment had on his life and the lives of so many other Japanese-Americans.

The talk will be held in the museum's gallery space, which is currently displaying an exhibit on internment camps, "The Art of Survival; The Art of Tule Lake."

Kishi's presentation is free to attend, but space is limited and pre-registration is required, museum officials said. For more information, call 462-2776 or visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). ■



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Tadashi Kishi is coming to the Museum on Main next week to share his experiences in a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II.

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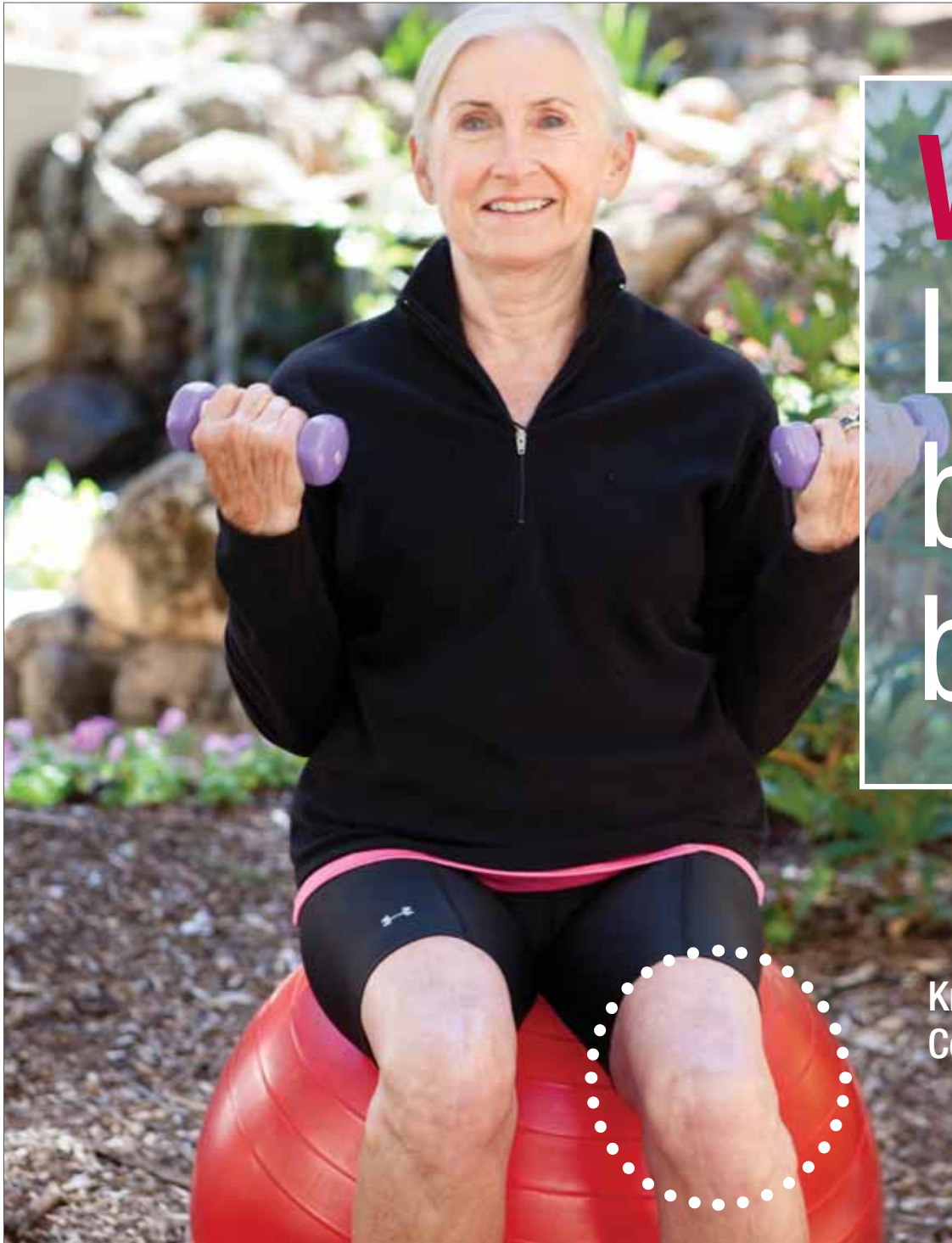
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## Hart principal reassignment leads series of personnel moves

By MEREDITH BAUER

Hart Middle School principal Terry Conde has been reassigned to a vice principal role at Amador Valley High, prompting a series of promotions and other administrative shuffling.

Foothill High vice principal Leslie Heller was named at a May 24 board meeting as Conde's replacement at Hart.

Heller's post at Foothill will be filled by Marcel Baker, currently a Hart vice principal, school district spokesman Patrick Gannon confirmed Tuesday. Amador Valley vice

principal Suzanne Smith will assume Baker's position at Hart.

The changes started after the school board voted in February to reassign Conde due to unspecified personnel issues, according to Gannon. Conde will continue as principal at Hart until July 1, when Heller will become the principal.

Heller has been with the district for 17 years and has been Foothill's vice principal since 2012. Conde has served as Hart's principal since 2010.

Hart is one of four schools that will have a new permanent principal at the start of the 2016-17 school year.

Amador Valley, Harvest Park Middle and Walnut Grove Elementary will also have new school leaders — or, in some cases, the new principal started the job this semester.

Harvest Park's new principal and several more vice principal appointments were also named this week.

Ethan Cheever, a principal in San Bruno, was named at Tuesday's Pleasanton school board meeting as Harvest Park's new leader. He has been the principal at Parkside Intermediate School since 2014 and was previously an assistant principal in Newark.

In addition, Alisal Elementary teacher Joseph Meunier was promoted to vice principal at Hart, Mountain View educator Olivia Hayes was hired as a vice principal at Walnut Grove and Vintage Hills, and San Ramon Valley Unified School District

special education program supervisor Carolyn Dobel was hired as a vice principal at Pleasanton Middle.

Hart teacher Mary Geasa was also promoted to vice principal at Fairlands and Mohr elementary schools, and San Ramon Valley educator Doris Kwok was hired as an Amador Valley vice principal. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



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### St. Peter's Basilica

Teresa and Peter DeVries, Annette and Randy Green and Ernette Erlenbusch visited Rome, Italy on the Chamber of Commerce fall trip. They brought the Pleasanton Weekly to Saint Peter's at the Vatican.

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## Uplifting art

Exhibit chairwoman Ritu Ahluwalia (left) looks at her painting "En Fleurs" with Gordon and Cindy Imbertson at the artists' reception June 5 for the art show, "Feeling Good: Art by Local Artists." The event, which presented interpretations of feeling good, drew 109 people with its art, piano music, wine and appetizers. The joint show of the Pleasanton Art League and the Livermore Art Association, which features 44 artists, is open through June 27 at the Bankhead Theater Gallery in downtown Livermore.

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# BART asking voters to OK \$3.5 billion bond for system overhaul

Agency says proposal polled consistently above voter-approval threshold

After years of focusing on system expansion, the BART Board of Directors is looking to completely rebuild the agency's aging infrastructure and voted unanimously last week to place a \$3.5 billion bond on the November ballot to fund the effort.

The bond measure drew support from local government leaders, area business groups, bicycle advocacy organizations, nonprofits and community organizations. More than an hour of almost entirely positive public comment preceded the vote June 9.

A telephone poll of 2,100 voters conducted last year showed broad support for an infrastructure bond, with 68% saying that BART needed further funding.

The board had initially considered a bond for as much as \$4.5 billion, but settled on \$3.5 billion, which the poll showed had consistent support above the two-thirds necessary to pass in November.

BART board member Zakhary Mallett raised some concerns that BART has not been as careful with its money as it could be, particularly when it comes to employee benefits, but he said that the massive cost of the necessary repairs dwarfs his estimates of wasted funding in BART's operating budget.

Board president Tom Radulovich said the

infrastructure cost amounts to \$9 billion, and through traditional revenue sources, including raising fares and seeking more funding from the state and federal government, BART could only raise about half of that expense.

The bond includes \$625 million to replace worn out tracks, \$570 million to repair tunnels and structures, \$135 million to replace

mechanical infrastructure, \$400 million to replace the outdated train control system to get trains running faster, and \$210 million in station improvements.

**'This is long overdue. We should have started this a long time ago.'**

**John McPartland,**  
BART board member

structure will remain the same, the trackway, electrical infrastructure and most elements of the system will be replaced, while a project to replace the train cars is already underway.

"This is long overdue. We should have started this a long time ago," board member John McPartland said ahead of the June 9 vote. "But there is no such thing

as starting too late until people are getting injured."

BART's priority has shifted in recent years from system expansion, such as the expansion past Fremont to San Jose already under construction, back to core infrastructure improvements. In the last six years, re-investment from the capital budget has ballooned from 21% to roughly two-thirds of the budget.

For Stuart Cohen, executive director of transportation advocacy group TransForm, BART's continued deferral of core maintenance was a mistake but he praised the board's approach in introducing the bond measure.

"We all know that when BART stops, the Bay Area stops as well and we've seen that a bit too much over the last few years," Cohen said.

A day rarely goes by without some track or equipment issue delaying or halting BART service. The agency couldn't have asked for a better illustration of the

need to rebuild the service than a mysterious electrical glitch that shut down regular service between the North Concord/Martinez and Pittsburg/Bay Point stations for weeks earlier this year.

While the glitch ultimately went away on its own, a similar problem had already caused problems in the Transbay Tube and was also never explained.

Radulovich said this is the third time that BART has asked voters to approve a bond. The first time was for the initial construction of the system 40 years ago, and the second was for critical earthquake retrofits about a decade ago.

The seismic safety bond, born of a better understanding of how to engineer for earthquakes, has been a huge success, according to Radulovich.

"When you give BART the money to do a major overhaul, we can do good work," he said. ■

—Scott Morris, Bay City News

## Old Stanley Boulevard closed for reconstruction

Major link from downtown Pleasanton to Stanley, First Street shut for 6 weeks

Stanley Boulevard between First and Main streets in downtown Pleasanton is closed to all traffic for up to six weeks for reconstruction.

The aging street, often referred to as "old" Stanley, is a major link from where the same section of roadway called Stanley becomes First Street, then Sunol Boulevard and continues through Pleasanton to Interstate 680 and Castlewood.

From Main Street, old Stanley provides a direct route to the Stanley/Sunol roadway next to the Alain Pinel Realtors building at 900 Main St.

Ghilotti Construction Company, Inc. has been hired to handle the project, which will include the undergrounding of overhead utilities followed by street reconstruction, including new curbs, gutters, sidewalks, bike lanes, street lights similar to those downtown and landscaping.

The new roadway will have parallel parking spaces on the north side. No parking will be permitted on the south side. ■

—Jeb Bing

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## COSTCO

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Drive EDZ (Economic Development Zone) is currently designated as 'Business Park' and 'General and Limited Industrial' in the city of Pleasanton's 2005 General Plan which allows for high-quality, campus-like development, including administrative, professional office, research and limited industrial uses," Wheeler said.

The city's new zoning plan, however, would amend the General Plan to allow several new uses, including a large "club retail" store, he added.

"Some of the new uses would

generate significantly greater traffic and air quality impacts," Wheeler said. "The significant and unavoidable traffic impacts and related air quality impacts associated with some land-uses will significantly reduce the suitability of the area for (other) uses."

Speaking at a recent Planning Commission meeting, Wheeler said that in spite of statements by Mayor Jerry Thorne that the rezoning effort will get a full public hearing, "It

seems like the project is proceeding without adequate public input."

"It is already being talked about as a 'done deal,'" Wheeler said. "At a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting, I personally heard Dan Rosenbaum from Nearon say, 'Costco has signed the lease. They are here.'"

"What we've seen from the informal polling that we've done in the last few months is that what the Pleasanton community overwhelmingly doesn't want is

**'It is already being talked about as a done deal.'**

**Bill Wheeler,**  
Black Tie Transportation owner

## SCHOOL BOARD

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FTE) and middle schools (0.75 FTE), library assistants at high schools (two FTE), one lead trainer and one coordinator of maintenance services.

As a result, it is expected Pleasanton's public schools will have rotating technology specialists, who resolve computer problems and maintain the district's wireless network.

Foothill and Amador Valley high schools will each have one site technology specialist, who will work eight hours a day for 12 months. The district's three middle schools will share two technology specialists, who will work six hours a day for 10-1/2 months of the year.

Lydiksen, Donlon and Walnut Grove elementary schools will share two technology specialists, as will Alisal, Mohr and Fairlands and Hearst, Valley View and Vintage

Hills. Those specialists will work six hours a day for 10-1/2 months.

One technology specialist will work at the district office and Village High and will provide assistance to the other specialists.

Two additional specialists will also provide back-up assistance to other specialists. These staff members will work eight hours a day for a full year.

The debate over how to fund the remaining positions brought up the question of why the district has been funding jobs with temporary funding.

The district began funding positions with one-time dollars after the 2008 recession, assistant superintendent of human resources Dianne Howell said Tuesday night. Some jobs, such as librarians, have been funded with state attendance dollars or funded by community fundraising organizations such as Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation ever since.

"We have never been able to crawl ourselves out of that dark hole," Howell said.

The current one-time funding model spreads one-time dollars across three years, which school district spokesman Patrick Gannon said will provide some cushion while staff works out a way to fund these jobs with more stable sources.

Several tech specialists spoke at Tuesday's meeting, or wrote to the board members separately, asking that the board prioritize the technology maintenance services the specialists provide.

"It is shameful where we are today," wrote site technology specialist Cheryl Vangundy in a letter to the school board. "Shameful that with all the current talk about the '21st Century Classroom' that you have led us to this position of cutting over 25% of the technology services staff. There must be another solution."

'more' — more traffic, more big box, more congestion, more crime, more pollution," he added.

If the citizens' initiative qualifies for a November vote, it's likely that the City Council could place the proposed Economic Development Zone plan also on the ballot for voter approval. That would be like the dueling Measures PP and QQ over hillside development that went to voters several years ago where the majority number of votes won the day.

It could be the same with a November vote if there are competing initiatives facing Pleasanton voters on the Johnson Drive zoning issue. ■



JEB BING

Karen Gonzales, Pleasanton's deputy city clerk, holds stack of petitions filed by a citizens' coalition seeking to place an initiative on the Nov. 8 ballot to ban Costco and other large stores from locating on Johnson Drive.

problem." The district is making a contribution to this fund, staff stated.

### In other school news

Board members heard a presentation on the 2016-19 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), which is part of the state's funding plan that requires public school districts to create a plan to provide all their students with access to credentialed teachers, Common Core implementation and other benchmarks.

The board also received a presentation on the 2016-17 proposed budget. The total revenues are set at \$142.9 million, and expenditures are set at \$145.4 million. District staff noted Pleasanton's payments into employee retirements per CalPERS and CalSTRS will increase by \$2 million per year due to a change in state law.

The LCAP and budget are set to return to the board for final adoption later this month. ■



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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pleasanton police investigating after mall robbery

Pleasanton police are investigating after two teens robbed a patron of the Stoneridge Shopping Center and sprayed the victim with pepper spray earlier this month.

The two male teens fled the mall on June 3 in a black, four-door sedan described as an "older model black Chevy Impala or Malibu with paper plates." The vehicle's rear passenger-side window was broken and covered with packing tape, police stated.

The victim's cellphone later was tracked to Oakland through a phone locator service, but the described car had not been located as of Wednesday, police stated.

The culprits were described as black male teens with slender builds. Anyone with information on the case can call Pleasanton police at 931-5100.

#### In other police news

• Pleasanton police arrested the driver of an allegedly stolen truck last week after the driver led officers on a high-speed chase before crashing into two other cars.

Officers arrested Christopher Mero, 35, after he crashed a maroon truck into two other cars while driving the wrong way on Valley Avenue near the intersection of Crestline Road around 3 p.m. June 9. No one was hurt in the crash, despite one nearly head-on collision.

Police closed Valley Avenue at the east and west sections of Northway Road for about an hour and a half that afternoon.

The chase started after officers received an alert



Sketch of one teen accused of Stoneridge robbery.

to be on the lookout for a stolen vehicle in the Pleasanton area. It was reported the truck was stolen by a man wanted for assault with a deadly weapon and for stealing the vehicle.

Police spotted the vehicle at 2:45 p.m., and the driver — later identified as Mero — sped off when officers tried to pull him over. The chase lasted several minutes, during which the truck drove in the wrong direction, ran through red lights and ignored stop signs.

Mero, a transient from the Hayward area, was arrested without further incident, police stated.

• Pleasanton resident Muzaffar Hussain pleaded guilty in federal court last week for failing to pay employment taxes while working as chief financial officer of Crossroads Home Health Care, Inc., according to prosecutors.

Hussain, 68, entered the guilty plea last Friday, stating that he knew he was in charge of accounting for taxes that should be removed from employees' salaries for social security, income tax and other taxes but did not fulfill that requirement, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of California.

A grand jury indicted Hussain last July on 13 counts of making or subscribing a false tax return, 17 counts of willful failure to account for and pay over taxes and one count of structuring transactions to evade reporting requirements.

"Nevertheless, for each pay period between July 1, 2004, and Feb. 27, 2008, Hussain transferred funds in an amount equal to, or close to, the amount of employment taxes from the Bank of America account to other bank accounts," the news release stated. "Hussain thereafter used the monies, including the trust fund taxes, to fund other business and personal interests."

Hussain is currently released on bond, according to federal prosecutors. His next court appearance will be in January. The maximum sentence he could face is five years in prison and \$250,000 in penalties. ■

—Meredith Bauer

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### June 11

#### Sex offenses

■ 9:04 a.m. on Owens Court

#### Theft

■ 10:48 a.m., 3400 block of Cornerstone Court; theft from auto

■ 1:10 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

#### Auto theft recovery

■ 10:32 a.m. at Kolln Street and Garatti Court

#### Vandalism

■ 3:43 p.m. in the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

### June 10

#### Commercial burglary

■ 6:46 a.m. in the 1600 block of Lexington Lane

#### Fraud

■ 2:48 p.m. in the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Shoplifting

■ 9:14 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

#### Graffiti

■ 9:10 a.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

### June 9

#### Theft

■ 7:19 a.m., 5500 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

■ 7:20 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court

■ 8:56 a.m., 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto

■ 3:45 p.m. in the 5200 block of Riverdale Court

■ 3:46 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 5:49 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

#### Commercial burglary

■ 7:51 a.m. in the 5200 block of Franklin Drive

#### Graffiti

■ 10:34 a.m. at Mohr and Martin avenues

#### Robbery

■ 1:48 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

#### Fraud

■ 3:04 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Vehicle tampering

■ 11:14 p.m. in the 4700 block of Orangewood Court

### June 8

#### Theft

■ 8:45 a.m., 1400 block of Irongate Court; theft from auto

■ 1:55 p.m., 600 block of Main Street; theft from structure

#### Fraud

■ 9:39 a.m. in the 3500 block of Villero Court

■ 2:46 p.m. in the 5900 block of Laurel Creek Drive

■ 3:02 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Residential burglary

■ 9:43 a.m. in the 1100 block of Mills Court

■ 11:58 a.m. in the 2800 block of Arronia Court

#### Drug violation

■ 11:28 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 11:43 p.m. at Moller Ranch Drive and Highcrest Court

### June 7

#### Missing person report

■ 4:51 a.m. on Vineyard Place

#### Theft

■ 7:19 a.m., 3700 block of Vine Street; auto theft

■ 7:16 a.m., 3300 block of Busch Road; theft from auto

■ 1:24 p.m., 5200 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

■ 3:42 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

■ 7:08 p.m., 4400 block of Valley Avenue; bike theft

■ 8:11 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall; theft from auto

#### Residential burglary

■ 9:29 a.m. in the 1300 block of Chatham Court

#### Fraud

■ 1:01 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

■ 6:54 p.m. in the 3400 block of Cumberland Gap Circle

#### Embezzlement

■ 2:20 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

## Bonita "Bonnie" Streitz

December 7, 1930 – May 25, 2016

Bonita "Bonnie" Streitz, a longtime resident of Pleasanton, passed away peacefully at home on May 25, surrounded by her family. She was born in Seattle, WA on December 7, 1930. After moving to Livermore as a very young girl, she lived for several years in Los Angeles, later returning to Livermore as a teenager. In 1949 she met and married Donald Streitz. Several years later, the couple settled in Pleasanton which became Bonnie's lifelong home.

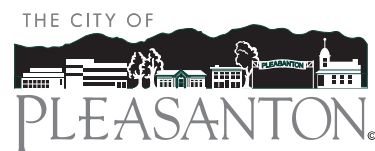


Bonnie worked at the General Electric Vallecitos Nuclear Center in Sunol for 38 years where many lasting and cherished friendships blossomed. As a mother, she was steadfast, generous, and an ever-present source of love and support. After retiring, she loved knitting, following the ups and downs of the San Francisco Giants, and spending time with her family and beloved cats.

Over the past 50 years, she rarely missed her weekly appointment at the Beauty Nook on Main Street, both a treasured ritual and place of true camaraderie.

She is survived by her son, Steven of Sun City, daughters, Kay of Oakland and Dana Ford of Danville, her granddaughter, Phaedra Wilson and great-grandchildren Alexander and Isabella of New Brighton, MN, brother-in-law, Robert Streitz of Elk Grove, and cousin, John Wesseling of Idaho.

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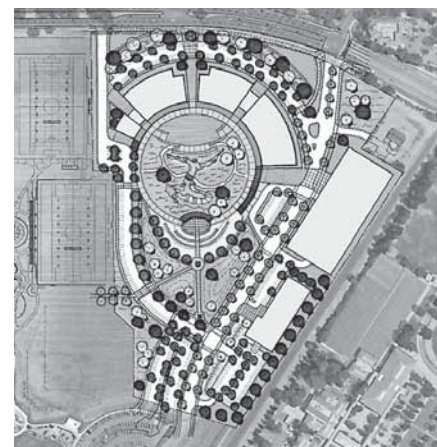
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Allen "Big Al" Aldrich and wife Karen Isbell pose with She's a Tiger, the young award-winning filly that would help put Pleasanton native Aldrich on the horse-racing map nationally and worldwide.

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She's a Tiger winning a stakes race in 2013.

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Aldrich and Isbell in the paddock area at the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita.

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# You can call me 'Big Al'

Pleasanton native embraces role as racing ambassador as horses hit the track for 2016 Alameda County Fair

By Dennis Miller

Growing up in Pleasanton in the 1960s and '70s meant you were inevitably around the horse-racing industry.

The town wasn't that big, and it seemed half the people in Pleasanton were involved with horses in some capacity. For Allen Aldrich, his initial involvement was indirect, from his time working at the Pleasanton Fairways Golf Course that was located in the infield of the race track.

"I worked at the course and was around the horses every day," Aldrich explained. "I would be out there cutting the greens (on the course) and have a stopwatch in one hand clocking the horses."

That was in the mid-1970s, and by the time Aldrich turned 18, he was getting ready to buy into a partnership on his first horse.

"We ran the horse (in Pleasanton) at the Fair in 1978, and he finished dead last," Aldrich recalled.

Aldrich has come a long way since then, and at the beginning of the Alameda County Fair and the Oak Tree at Pleasanton race meet this year, he is arguably one of the most influential men in racing, not just in Northern California but in the entire state.

After the inauspicious beginning in 1978, the next couple years he had a piece of one or two horses until finally in 1982 he made a move to become more involved in the industry.

"I went to Fresno because they needed a cook for the jockey's room," Aldrich said. "Around that time, (jockey) Mark Hanna (another Pleasanton product) fired his agent and asked if I wanted to represent him. I did that for five years, and we did well."

It gave Aldrich another view into a section of the industry, but he was hardly done. In 1986, he took a couple of his horses to Ferndale (Humboldt County Fair) and ended up getting his training license. It was also at that point his love affair began with the quaint Victorian town up on the north

coast of California.

In 1992 he met his wife Karen Isbell in Ferndale. Isbell is a jockey so it was a natural match. By that point, Aldrich was venturing throughout the Western states, owning and training horses at tracks from Arizona to California.

He was a busy man, constantly on the go. The end result was the creation of a new man. Aldrich was known as "Big Al" as he packed 330 pounds on to his frame, but in that span when he was crisscrossing the states he went from 330 all the way down to 220.

He is still affectionately known as "Big Al," a name that requires no last name in racing circles.

Aldrich continually had success on the small tracks, but his life would change in 2013.

She's a Tiger was a 2-year-old filly, and ownership was being put together by few people, including another longtime Pleasanton resident, Jeff Bonde, a trainer and longtime friend of Aldrich's.

"Jeff called me and wanted me to get into the partnership," said Aldrich, who was indeed convinced to buy into the horse for \$150,000. "That was the most I ever spent for one-quarter ownership, let alone for full ownership."

There was something special about She's a Tiger, so much so that before her debut in 2013 — at where else but in Pleasanton at the Alameda County Fair — there was a huge buzz about the horse.

"That ended up being the most nervous I ever was before one of her races," Aldrich remembered.

He didn't need to worry, as the horse broke out quickly and blew away the field by nine lengths. It was a sign of things to come. The horse went on to win a race at Hollywood Park and then a pair of graded races at Del Mar.

She ended her year in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies race at Santa Anita. She duelled throughout the race, but bumped with Ria Antonia in the stretch. Even though

She's a Tiger crossed the line first, she was disqualified and placed second in a questionable decision by the Santa Anita stewards.

At the end of the year, She's a Tiger was voted the Top 2-year-old Filly in the country and received an Eclipse Award, the top recognition a horse and ownership team can receive.

"That time was so unbelievable," Aldrich said. "Just the travels with her and the new friends I was able to meet. It was amazing."

In 2014, the group sold She's a Tiger to a Japanese partnership for breeding at a price tag of \$2.5 million. The horse was shipped to Japan, where the luxuriousness of breeding farms is legendary.

"I cried, but I was so happy for the horse," Aldrich said.

Despite the success of his first "big horse" purchase, Aldrich is content to live on that memory. "People that chase that think it will happen again," he said of the big time. "I don't want to chase it again. I would prefer \$2,500 claimers at Ferndale."



The 2016 Alameda County Fair will feature 12 d



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Horses speed out of the gates for an Oak Tree at Pleasanton race last summer. This year's racing at the Alameda County Fair got underway yesterday.

It's those desires that have made Aldrich arguably the best friend of fair racing in Northern California. Constantly facing pressure from bigger tracks like Santa Anita down south and smaller sister track Golden Gate Fields, the Northern California fairs have been locked in a battle for racing dates.

Aldrich has been at the forefront. "In order to show his unwavering support for both the Humboldt County Fair and Alameda County Fair, Allen spent his own money to help the two fairs get extra exposure on TVG," former fair race caller Frank Mirahmadi, a good friend of Aldrich's, said about getting fair races shown on the horse racing television network.

"This is critical to the success of out-of-state wagering handle as well as something that gives the fairs great exposure," Mirahmadi added. "No other owner has ever done something like that."

Pleasanton director of racing Jeanne Wasserman has also had a chance to see up close the value of having Aldrich on your side.

"Allen Aldrich has been a huge supporter of racing fairs for years," said Wasserman, who spearheaded the drive to honor Aldrich with a Blue Ribbon award in 2014 from Western Fairs Association. "He pro-

vides sponsorship money to the fairs to help with advertising. Allen also goes to other race tracks and promotes the racing fairs."

He has embraced his role as an "ambassador" for fair racing and was elected to the Board of Directors for the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), a powerful and influential group within California racing.

Even though he rose to the top of the horse-racing world with She's a Tiger, Aldrich remains committed the fair tracks.

"I grew up in (Pleasanton)," he said. "And Ferndale is my second home. You know everyone in the town and their whole town gets centered around horse racing."

Aldrich was one of the group of people that pushed for additional racing dates for Pleasanton and finally saw it come to fruition when the San Joaquin County Fair dates were allocated to Pleasanton.

There will be six additional days of racing in Pleasanton, running Sept. 23-25 and Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. If the meet turns out to be successful, more great things may be right around the corner for Pleasanton racing.

"Those extra dates could be game changers," Aldrich said. "Not just for Pleasanton but for all the fairs."

Even as Aldrich has risen in stature in the industry, he has remained fiercely loyal to his friends and to horse racing in general.

"If you are a close friend of Allen's, it is likely he's finished up a note or email in the following manner — With love and respect, Allen Aldrich," said Mirahmadi, a top personality in horse racing in the country. "Those might be the two words that best describe how Allen treats thoroughbred racing: with love and respect." ■

*Editor's note: Watch for Dennis Miller's "Pick of the Day" each race day at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com).*

### Fair information

The Alameda County Fair started on Wednesday and runs through July 4, open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day, except June 20 and 27 when the fair is closed.

#### Horse racing

Today through Sunday, June 23-26 and July 1-4

Post-times: 1:15 p.m. on Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, July 4; 2:15 p.m. on Fridays

\* Free to attend with fair admission

**Carnival hours:** Tues-Thurs: 12-11 p.m.; Fri-Sun, July 4: all day.

**Fireworks Spectacular:** July 4, 9:30 p.m. Budweiser Grandstand, featuring the Oakland Symphony.

#### Admission prices

Adults (13-61): \$12  
Senior (62 and up): \$10  
Kids (6-12): \$10  
Kids (5 and under): Free  
Carnival wristband:  
\$30 Tues-Thurs; \$35 Fri-Sun.  
Parking: \$10

#### Special days

June 21 and 28: \$2 Tuesdays  
June 23 and 30: Seniors (62+) Free Thursdays  
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MEREDITH BAUER

Clockwise from top left: Mitts line a table in the Pleasanton Senior Center that will be delivered to memory care patients at The Parkview. A member of the Friday Knitters Group works on a mitt to add to the club's donation pile. Club members gather outside the Senior Center during their session last Friday.



## Knotty Naughty Knitters

At the Pleasanton Senior Center, they are called the Friday Knitting Group. But they have another title: the Knotty Naughty Knitters. When a bunch of them went on a 10-day cruise to Alaska in 2013, each one carried a bag with her name and the label, "Knotty Naughty Knitters."

"I went with my mom and my daughter," recalled group facilitator Stacy Dennig.

Dennig started knitting in 2008 when she was on a vacation with her mother-in-law and found she "absolutely loves it." Then in 2010, her husband saw the local knitting group in the Pleasanton activity guide, so she checked it out, with her 6-month-old daughter in a carrier.

Dennig, 36, emphasizes that the group is informal, supportive and for all ages, women and men.

"We have retired teachers, grandparents," she said. "Especially in the summer, we get girls in high school."

Forty-four members receive the monthly newsletter, and about 15-20 show up each week.

Dennig knits scarves, hats, beaded cuff bracelets, dish clothes, baby hats and more. She produces so much that she sells her creations at craft fairs.

"Knitting has lots of health benefits," Dennig said. "It's relaxing, it decreases stress, it lowers blood pressure — and it's a fun social outing. We laugh a ton."

Nancy McDaniel kicked off the group in 2008 after getting permission from the Senior Center and agreeing the door would stay open to all.

"All I remember is that I was a nervous Nellie on that first Friday. What if you throw a party and nobody comes?" McDaniel said in an email. "I am beyond proud of what the Knotty Naughty Knitters has morphed into."

When McDaniel moved out of state, Dennig began to coordinate the meetings.

"Whether you use one hook or two sticks, come and hang out with us," Dennig said.

Gatherings are from 9-11:30 a.m. each Friday morning and all are welcome. Residents pay \$2 per session; non-residents, \$2.50. Coffee and tea are available. For more information, email Dennig at stacydennig@gmail.com.

# Twiddlemitts

*ease anxiety for dementia patients*

*Knitting group takes on project for neighbors at memory care home*

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A soft, knit rectangle. Some buttons or beads to fondle. Loose ribbons to quietly explore.

"Memory mitts" bring comfort to residents of memory care units, and those at The Parkview in Pleasanton are the focus of a project just completed by the Pleasanton Senior Center's Friday Knitters Group.

"It's a rectangle mitt you put your hand in, and there are embellishments on the inside and there are embellishments on the outside," knitter Patti Taylor explained. "So it

is something tactile to enjoy, explore and touch for comfort. It's something unique they can have for their own."

Grace Gibbons saw the mitts on her daughter's Facebook page with instructions from Poole Hospital in the United Kingdom, where they call them "twiddle mitts" and explain they help dementia patients combat restlessness and agitation, keeping them calm and happy.

Gibbons brought the idea to the knitting group, which she attends regularly.

"When she shared it with us, we just ran with it," Taylor recalled.

Gibbons brought a mitt to The Parkview, which is right next door to the Senior Center, to see if there was any interest for its memory care unit. Parkview activity director Patricia Rawlings responded enthusiastically.

"I said, 'This would be great,'" Rawlings recalled. "We will give them to the residents, and let them feel it. It's comforting, it's soothing."

The mitts can also stimulate

conversation.

"We talk about how soft it is. We talk about, did they do any knitting or crocheting when they were young," Rawlings said. "They bring back memories. It's a conversation piece."

The Friday Knitting Group got busy to create 19 of the memory mitts, one for each current resident in The Parkview memory unit. First, Gibbons brought home the big bag of leftover yarn that people donate to the knitters at the Senior Center, knowing the simple mitt pattern was a perfect use for the odd balls of wool.

"I tried to organize them so the colors would look nice, and I put them in packets and added the pattern," Gibbons said. "The members took them home and made really beautiful mitts."

The group has done other projects for good causes, including knitting bears to send overseas to orphanages with mission groups, noted facilitator Stacy Dennig.

"Throughout the year we get charity opportunities, but there is

no pressure to do it," Dennig said.

Sometimes a knitter will hold a sort of class for anyone who wants to learn something new. Once they made fingerless gloves. Another time they knit little pockets for holding gift cards.

Taylor said she was pleased with the memory mitt project but not because she needed something to knit.

"I never run out of anything to knit — period," she said. "I have grandchildren who grow, new friends, someone who's been nice that I want to give something to."

She said the group is good because members come in with new ideas, and there is always someone experienced in case anyone needs help.

"Knitting is very good as we get older because the patterns help keep the brain active, whether it is simple or detailed," Taylor added.

But the memory mitt project is something they all cherish.

"It's a lovely way to give to the community," Taylor said. "It's something unique that someone in memory care can have for their own." ■

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



## Council gives go-ahead for Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery

A City Council that just a few years ago was reluctant to spend \$1 to acquire the historic, but rundown cemetery on Sunol Boulevard voted unanimously last week to spend up to \$390,000 for a Veterans Memorial at the top of the renamed Pioneer Cemetery.

The memorial, which will pay tribute to the more than 500 veterans who are buried there, including 21 who were killed in action or lost during the country's conflicts, will cap the efforts of veterans, the Pleasanton posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and the Rotary, Lions and other service clubs to establish a permanent memorial.

The memorial will feature seven monoliths and seven flag poles, each representing an arm of the military branches, including the Merchant Marines, and taller poles for the American and POW/MIA flags. A large granite platform, a bronze sculpture of a kneeling soldier, sitting benches and a granite

star will be installed at the base of the flag poles.

As members of the City Council and a chamber filled with saluting veterans and families spoke in favor of the memorial, it was clear that Pleasanton is a patriotic community. We don't have to drive more than a block into the downtown district to see light poles adorned with American flags and yellow streamers, each with the name of a Pleasanton soldier now serving in harm's way in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Recently, the Veterans Memorial Building, built in 1933, was renovated to bring the building back to its original glory while preserving its historical and architectural integrity. The project upgraded the building to ADA standards by adding wheelchair ramps to all the entrances and installing a lift for the main hall stage. New electrical, plumbing, kitchen and restroom upgrades also were added, and the building was seismically strengthened and equipped with

## LETTERS

### Like living next to Chuck E. Cheese's and a bar

Dear Editor,

Although you may like going to parties, you probably never expected your neighbor on the other side of your backyard fence to morph into a commercial party business and financially profit by renting their backyard for large public parties (up to 600 people, including serving alcohol) while creating a noise nuisance for you — and that the city would condone it.

Think living next to Chuck E. Cheese's during the day and your local bar at night. That is what is happening to us.

A Masonic lodge, located in the Valley Trails neighborhood of Pleasanton, remodeled and turned

their backyard into an outdoor entertainment area to supplement their income. This change has destroyed the peace and tranquility of neighboring residents.

This is contrary to the zoning codes and the use permit that the Planning Commission approved in 1977. Of course, large parties and commercial businesses have their place — but it shouldn't be in residential areas. In fact, commercial businesses are never supposed to be allowed in residential areas.

A hearing is being held on Wednesday. Please join us in telling the city that it's wrong for the city to allow commercial businesses to destroy the peace of residential neighborhoods, and that a dangerous precedent is being set that allows commercial enterprises to mushroom into residential areas.

—Michael and Darlene Miller



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Signs in front of Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Pleasanton promote efforts by city and veterans organizations to raise funds for a memorial at Pioneer Cemetery to be built in time for public dedication on Veterans Day.

a new fire protection and security system.

Now the council has turned its commitment to its cemetery, thanks to a large group in the community that routinely volunteer to spruce up the old burial grounds and also gather at "Welcome Home" celebrations and community gatherings for returning veterans, which our Mayor Jerry Thorne always attends. The authorization to proceed with the Veterans Memorial is a continuation of the council's commitment

to our veterans and shows the city's strong collaboration with its veterans' organizations.

Special thanks for their ongoing work also go to Steve Kirkpatrick, project manager and Pleasanton's director of engineering, on the city side and Doug Miller, former post commander of the VFW, on the veterans' side. Their work over the last several years to design and win approval of the project will be honored on Nov. 12 when the new memorial is dedicated. ■

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council**  
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Public Hearing:** Adopt resolutions approving 2016-17 annual assessments for Lighting and Landscape Districts 1984-1 (Ponderosa), 1993-1 (Windsor), 1993-2 (Bonde Ranch), 1994-1 (Oak Tree Farm), and 1995-1 (Moller Ranch)
- Presentation by Stopwaste on proposed expansion of Reusable Bag Ordinance
- Presentation by Alameda County on Community Choice Aggregation program
- Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding with East Bay Regional Park District to allow southbound one-way traffic to facilitate construction of public parking to serve the newly acquired Castleridge Trail. The trail provides a new public access point to Pleasanton Ridge immediately west of the Alviso Adobe Community Park. The MOU also obligates EBRPD to construct and open the planned Garms Staging Area off of Foothill Road near west Las Positas within five years
- Adopt a resolution accepting the FY 2016/17 Mid-Term Operating Budget
- Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2016/17 Mid-Term Capital Improvement Program Budget

**Planning Commission**  
Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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## Triathlon series kicks off 29th season tomorrow

First Tri For Fun features non-competitive short course at Shadow Cliffs

By JEREMY WALSH

Hundreds of experienced and novice triathletes are set to converge in Pleasanton tomorrow morning for the first Tri For Fun triathlon event of the season.

The Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area course, designed as shorter than traditional triathlons to encourage athletes of all levels to participate, features a 400-yard swim, 11-mile bicycle ride on a flat, looped route and a 3.1-mile run along a fire trail.

"We have made so many wonderful friends through the years because of the Tri For Fun," said Mark Aiton, co-principal of On Your Mark Events, which organizes the event. "There are now literally thousands of people who cut their triathlon teeth with the Tri For Fun, and they keep coming back, as well as take part with our other longer-distance

triathlons throughout the year."

The Tri For Fun series, now in its 29th season, includes three non-competitive triathlons on a shorter course followed by the competitive Tri For Real full-length triathlon at the end of the summer at Shadow Cliffs.

The non-competitive events draw participants of all skill levels, and it's not unusual to see an 8-year-old swimming, biking or running alongside an 80-year-old, according to organizers.

About 60% of the athletes throughout the season will be beginner triathletes, but experienced triathletes also take part for training reasons, organizers said. Seasoned participants are released in the first wave of the Tri For Fun so they can get ahead of less-experienced triathletes.

The series features Tri For Fun triathlons tomorrow, July 16 and Aug. 20, and the full-length Tri For Real

triathlon is set for Sept. 18. All four events take place at Shadow Cliffs, 2500 Stanley Blvd. in Pleasanton.

The Tri For Fun events are non-timed and non-competitive, but triathletes can opt to be officially time-chipped or they can check the clock at the finish line to gauge their personal time.

On Your Mark Events will crown a Series Champion (must be timed for all four events). The top male and female entrants will be announced and awarded at the Tri For Real in September.

Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, refreshments and snacks, and entry into the event raffle. Check-in and registration will begin at 5 a.m. tomorrow, with the first wave hitting the water at 7 a.m.

For more information, call 209-795-7832 or visit [www.onyourmarkevents.com](http://www.onyourmarkevents.com). ■



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Swimmers get off the starting blocks during the meet last weekend between the Pleasanton Valley Swim Club and ClubSport San Ramon.

## Dolphins dominate in season opener

Pleasanton Valley beats ClubSport San Ramon

The Dolphins of Pleasanton Valley Swim Club won going away during their first meet of the season, beating the ClubSport San Ramon Marlins 1,186-394 last Saturday.

The Dolphins posted first-place swims in nearly every event (102 wins in all), including eight wins among the various age groups in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard individual medley and 200-yard free relay.

They also earned six first-place finishes among the age groups in the 100-yard medley relay, 25-yard butterfly, 50-yard breaststroke and 50-yard backstroke.

Top performances by Dolphins included Landon Kenney (boys age 7-8) with one relay and four individual wins, Katie Salonga (girls 9-10) two relay and three individual wins, Colin Braga (boys 9-10), David Gjerde (boys 13-14) and Chase Sinclair (boys 15-18) with one relay and three individual wins each, and Emily Montgomery and Addison Montoya (girls 6 and under) each with two relay and two individual wins.

The Dolphins are scheduled to host the Rhonewood Sharks from Livermore this weekend. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## PFLL Pirates win AAA playoffs

The Pleasanton Foothill Little League AAA Pirates won the division's playoff tournament last week, defeating the Reds 13-6 in the championship game to cap off their undefeated postseason run. Players were (standing from left) Ryan Rodriguez, David Baylis, Erik Olsen, Zain Raza and Aidan Herberger, (kneeling) Daniel Herrera, Brendan King and Gavin LeMessurier, and (lying down) Ryan Herberger, Alex Johnson and Davis McDonald. Also pictured, coaches Andrea Olsen, Craig LeMessurier and Jeff McDonald.



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## Orioles earn postseason title

The Orioles won the Pleasanton Little League majors division tournament last week, beating the Reds 4-3 behind the pitching of Andrew Maddalon and Brady Becker, the hitting of Grant Magnano and Will Swain and the defense of infielder Thomas Kim. The Orioles, who finished two games behind the first-place Marlins in the regular season, ended the spring with a nine-game winning streak, including sweeping through the playoffs. Team members were (back row, from left) manager Jon Becker, coach John Rios, Andrew Maddalon, Will Swain, Brady Becker, Luciano Nascarella, Julian Espinoza, Jake Magagnini, coach Mike Magnano and coach Butch Nascarella, and (front) Seth Plato, Garrett Hall, Thomas Kim, Dylan Rios, Josiah Parks, Grant Magnano.

# Calendar

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## Concerts

**IRA STEIN TRIO** The Catholic Community of Pleasanton presents the Ira Stein Trio, with Ira Stein on piano, Joe Hebert on cello, and Dann Zinn on sax, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Enjoy an evening of Bach improvisations and original compositions. Suggested \$10 donation at the door.

**BEE GEES GOLD** The Bee Gees Gold tribute recreates the look and sound of the Bee Gees from the 60's to the late 70's, with their unique falsettos that made them legends. Performing such early hits as "Massachusetts," "I Started A Joke," to the later Disco classics, "Stayin' Alive," "You Should Be Dancing," and more. See the show at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 19 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$20-\$30. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Talks & Lectures

**TRI-VALLEY WRITERS** Join the Tri-Valley Writers meeting from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. Larry Townsend will present "Writers' Legal Know-How," helping writers protect their works and avoid legal problems related to copyright, publishing agreements and more. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 for CWC members, \$17 for non-members. Go to [www.trivalleywriters.org](http://www.trivalleywriters.org).

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## Strutting their stuff

The Golden Follies Revue, "Curtains Up!" will present two shows at the Firehouse Arts Center, at 2 p.m. June 25 and 26. The sparkling Las Vegas-style revue features seasoned, glamorously costumed performers ages 60-91 from all over Northern California, and it is packed with memorable music, featuring classic movies and a rousing, flag-waving tribute to the USA. The Golden Follies will also present San Francisco chanteuse Wiggy Darlington. For tickets, go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848 or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month to give free 15-20 minute consultations. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30-5:45 p.m.; names selected at 5:50 p.m.. Call 931-3400, ext. 7.

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**EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP** If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. Contact 487-5706 or [eastbayet@comcast.net](mailto:eastbayet@comcast.net). Go to [www.eastbayet.com](http://www.eastbayet.com).

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY** NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets from 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 114. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. For more information contact Marsha McInnis at 980-5331 or [marsha@nami-trivalley.org](mailto:marsha@nami-trivalley.org).

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**PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER** The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through

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**MEN OF BREAKFAST** Join the Men of Breakfast or MOB at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month for a cup of coffee and friendly discussion at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Bring a newspaper and whatever topics pique your interest. Call 931-5369.

## Community Groups

**LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB** Livermore Valley Coin Club is for anyone in the Tri-Valley interested in coin collection. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Meet and greet at 7 p.m., business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

**MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE** Mothers With a Purpose meets

at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit [www.motherswithapurpose.org](http://www.motherswithapurpose.org).

**PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB** Pleasanton Newcomers is open to all families in the Tri-Valley. We offer a variety of activities and clubs: something for everyone, including monthly get-togethers, games and book clubs, shared interest groups, community service, outdoor activities such as hiking, walking and golf, monthly luncheons at local restaurants, a welcome coffee for new members, and much more. The Welcome Coffee is held at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Contact us for activities, dates and locations at 215-8405 or [pnewcomers@gmail.com](mailto:pnewcomers@gmail.com).

**WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN LUNCH IN LIVERMORE** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California would like to invite you to lunch at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 24 at Shari's, 1116 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. RSVP to Gloria at 846-8320 or [hskoog@comcast.net](mailto:hskoog@comcast.net).

**WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN BRUNCH IN LIVERMORE** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California would like to invite you for brunch at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 26 at Campo di Bocci, 175 E. Vineyard Ave., Livermore. RSVP to Harriett by Thursday, June 23 at 447-8229 or [hskoog@comcast.net](mailto:hskoog@comcast.net).

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We thank the collection team and everyone who signed the petition for giving us more than **7,000** signatures, paving the way for the Initiative to be placed on the November 8 ballot.

Soon it will be time for everyone to vote YES or NO on whether they approve a limit on the size of a Big Box store like Costco in the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone.

Watch for more information to come shortly, or go to our website to find out how you can make your voice heard on this important issue.

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## Bulletin Board

### 115 Announcements

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## Legal Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

**DRIVERSHIP OF DUBLIN LLC**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 518490  
The following person(s) doing business as: DRIVERSHIP OF DUBLIN LLC, 6500 DUBLIN BLVD. #200 D, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Driversity of Dublin LLC, 6500 Dublin Blvd. #200 D, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 10/07/2009. Signature of Registrant: Pari Eshtehardi. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/20/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2016)

**HUMMINGBIRD INC.**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 518024  
The following person(s) doing business as: HUMMINGBIRD INC., 5787 PRESTON AVE., LIVERMORE, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): HummingBirdEV, 5787 Preston Ave., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 09/09/2015. Signature of Registrant: Zhngmao Zhu, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/05/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2016)

**SMILES 4 ALL DENTAL, DENTAL PRACTICE OF DR. VEENA MADHURE, DDS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 518608

The following person(s) doing business as: SMILES 4 ALL DENTAL, DENTAL PRACTICE OF DR. VEENA MADHURE, DDS, 5720 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD, #285, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Veena Madhure, DDS, Inc., 1619 Angsley Lane, San Ramon, CA 94582. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Veena Madhure, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/24/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2016)

**A BETTER BOOKKEEPING SOLUTION**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 518281  
The following person(s) doing business as: A BETTER BOOKKEEPING SOLUTION, 4424 PAYNE ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Monica Fey, 4424 Payne Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588; Nicole Weight, 2658 Starling Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a General partnership. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 11/14/2006. Signature of Registrant: Monica Fey. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/16/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2016)

**ALDERUS MORTGAGE**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 518805  
The following person(s) doing business as: ALDERUS MORTGAGE, 4900 HOPYARD ROAD SUITE 100, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alderus Funding and Investments Inc., 500 N. Rainbow Blvd. Suite 110, Las Vegas, NV 89107. Registered in Nevada. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.

Signature of Registrant: Coby Baker, CEO/President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/31/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2016)

**SOCHER INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 518695

The following person(s) doing business as: SOCHER INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., 7901 STONERIDGE DRIVE, SUITE 445, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jack A. Socher Insurance Agency, Inc., 1065 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Suite 425, Foster City, CA 94044. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 12/03/2015. Signature of Registrant: Edward Lyons, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/26/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2016)

**BENNETT SIGN, INC.; B.S.C., INC.; BENNETT SIGN COMPANY**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 519075;519076;519077  
The following person(s) doing business as: BENNETT SIGN, INC.; B.S.C., INC.; BENNETT SIGN COMPANY, 1032 SERPENTINE LANE #107, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bennett Sign Centre, Inc., 1032 Serpentine Lane #107, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: James DiCicco, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/06/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2016)

**SPINAL HEALTH CENTER; SPULLER CHIROPRACTIC AND WELLNESS CENTER**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 518675-76

The following person(s) doing business as: SPINAL HEALTH CENTER; SPULLER CHIROPRACTIC AND WELLNESS CENTER, 2340 SANTA RITA ROAD #3, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ryan Spuller, DC, 5522 Aspen St., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 04/01/2011. Signature of Registrant: Ryan Spuller, DC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/25/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2016)

### 997 All Other Legals

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA** Case No.: HG16816161 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ANNA LISE STEVENSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANNA LISE STEVENSON to ANNALISE MARIE STEVENSON. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: July 22, 2016, 11:30 a.m., Dept.: 24 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: May 18, 2016 /s/ Morris D. Jacobson, Presiding Judge, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Pleasanton Weekly, May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2016)

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# Real Estate

## California no longer on choice list for millennial buyers

By JEB BING

A flurry of financial obstacles and lifestyle choices are stalling the journey to home ownership for many young adults, but becoming a homeowner is currently more feasible in some less expensive metro areas with steady job growth and lower qualifying incomes needed to buy.

New research by the National Association of Realtors analyzed employment gains, population trends, income levels and housing conditions in the largest 100 metropolitan statistical areas to identify the best purchase markets for millennial home buyers.

Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist, said that although millennials have made up the largest share of buyers for three consecutive years, sales to first-time buyers and the home ownership rate for young adults under the age of 35 remain depressed at levels not seen in decades.

This is despite historically low mortgage rates, escalating rental costs and low unemployment levels among those with a college education.

"Even with potentially higher incomes, prospective millennial home buyers residing in some of the most expensive cities in the country face the onerous task of paying steep rents while trying to save for an adequate down payment," he said.

"However," he added, "for those currently living in or looking to move to a more affordable part of the country, there are metro areas right now with solid job growth and that offer a smoother path to home ownership."

The top 10 metro areas NAR identified were chosen for their above-average share of current millennial residents and recent movers, favorable employment opportunities and relatively low qualifying incomes needed to purchase a home.

None is in California.

NAR's study found that the best purchase markets are: Austin, Texas; Charleston, S.C.; Denver; Minneapolis; Ogden, Utah; Portland, Ore.; Raleigh, N.C.; Salt Lake City; Seattle, and, Washington, D.C. ■

### OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

#### Castro Valley

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**3967 Recreation Road \$1,450,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Brigitte Huntemann 260-2508

#### Dublin

**2 BEDROOMS**  
**3290 Maguire Way #114 \$579,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**7788 Ridgeline Drive \$1,398,888**  
 Sat 1:30-4/Sun 2-4  
 Lisa Sterling-Sanchez & Stephany Jenkins 980-9265/989-3318

#### Livermore

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**3610 Madeira Way \$625,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 359-9606

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**336 Alden Lane \$1,599,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Kim Grass (510) 304-9543

#### Pleasanton

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**3737 Saratoga Way \$555,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Louise Davis 200-2457

**5411 Black Ave. #3 \$659,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Maribeth Delucchi (510) 209-5837

**4280 Garibaldi Place \$835,000**  
 Sat 2-5/Sun 1-4 Kelsy Martin 698-5713

**5931 Corte Venado \$1,025,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

**4704 Herrin Way \$848,000**  
 Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

**2202 Via Espada \$939,000**  
 Sat 1-4/Sun 11-2 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**4575 Gatetree Circle \$995,800**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

**4918 Sutter Gate Ave. \$1,139,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

**25 Portsmouth Court \$1,200,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

**7583 Trotter Way \$969,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario & Liz Venema 260-2220/413-6544

**4555 Entrada Court \$1,095,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**269 Kottinger Lane \$1,099,000**  
 Sat 12-3 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**7817 Knollbrook Drive \$1,089,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

**2709 Vista Diablo Court \$1,349,950**  
 Sat 1-4 Lisa Sterling-Sanchez 980-9265

**1284 Piemonte Drive \$2,699,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

**1817 Spumante Place \$2,999,999**  
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**9232 Klemetson Drive \$2,125,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Heather Lange (408) 207-3130

**3708 Raboli St. \$2,499,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario & Liz Venema 260-2220/413-6544

**4931 Dolores Drive \$1,895,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

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**5 BEDROOMS**  
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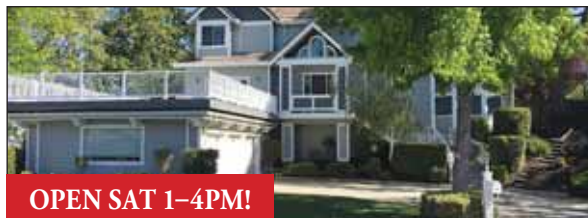


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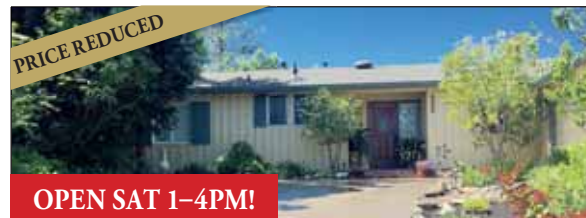
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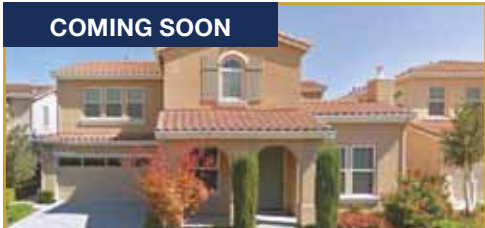
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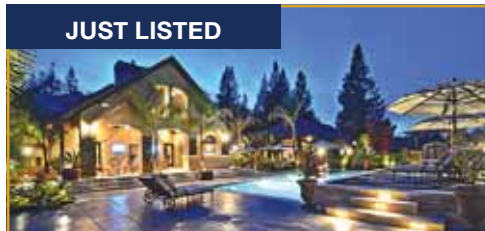
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**A:** Jill, that is a great question. We do run into this fairly often. As is usually the case, it is good to look at the actual contract to see what it stipulates. The CAR contract (the standard contract in California) states that "The property is to be maintained in substantially the same condition as on the date of Acceptance", and "all debris and personal property not included in the sale shall be removed by Close of Escrow". It is intentionally vague. So basically, it should look substantially the same as when your offer is accepted. There is no contractual responsibility on the part of the seller to make it cleaner than it was when your offer was accepted, or to have the house professionally cleaned, or the carpets cleaned, etc.

The reason for this is that everyone's definition of "clean" is different. Unless the property is significantly dirtier or there are personal items the seller did not remove, there is really not much you can do legally. It is probably best to have the house cleaned before you move in by your cleaners. In fact, it is usually a good idea for buyers to plan on having the house and carpets cleaned before they move in, again because your definition of clean may differ significantly from the sellers.

For sellers, I always recommend having the house professionally cleaned ...  
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<p><b>SALE PENDING!</b></p>  <p><b>3676 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton</b> Adorable 3 bdrm, 2 bath home that is just a short stroll to downtown! Gourmet kitchen. <b>\$829,000</b></p>	<p><b>SALE PENDING!</b></p>  <p><b>569 Cento Court, Pleasanton</b> Fabulous Ruby Hill! Beautiful 4 bdrm, 3 bath home, almost 2700 sq ft. Gourmet granite kitchen and beautiful hwd floors. 16,000 sq. ft. lot. <b>\$1,398,000</b></p>	<p><b>COMING SOON</b></p>  <p><b>9538 Albert Drive, Dublin</b> Gorgeous Schafer Ranch home with views of the Pleasanton Ridge! Newly built 5 bdrms, 3 baths and over 3700 sq. ft. <b>LOW \$1,500,000'S</b></p>	<p><b>SALE PENDING!</b></p>  <p><b>7809 Olive Court, Pleasanton</b> Oak Hill home w/ views of the ridge! 4 bdrms, 3 baths, 2283 sq ft! Granite kitchen and baths. <b>NEW PRICE \$998,000</b></p>
<p><b>JUST LISTED - OPEN SAT 1-3</b></p>  <p><b>4704 Herrin Way, Pleasanton</b> 3 bdrm, 2 bath with over 1600 sq ft. Gourmet granite kitchen! Beautiful backyard! Cozy family room. Rich hardwood floors. <b>\$848,000</b></p>	<p><b>COMING SOON</b></p>  <p><b>Simply wonderful!</b> Walk to the park, schools and shopping from this 3 bdrm, 2 bath one level home. Galley kitchen, cozy family rm, fireplace. <b>MID \$800,000'S</b></p>	<p><b>COMING SOON</b></p>  <p><b>4127 Dorman Road, Pleasanton</b> Complete renovation in progress. New wood flooring and plush carpeting. 4 bdrms, 2 baths, 1947 sq ft. <b>MID \$900,000'S</b></p>	<p><b>COMING SOON</b></p>  <p><b>6344 Benner Court, Pleasanton</b> Currently being remodeled from top to bottom! One level home with 4 bdrms, 2 baths, over 1800 sq ft. <b>LOW \$900,000'S</b></p>



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**SALE PENDING**

**1730 PRIMA DRIVE, LIVERMORE**  
4 BR, 3.5 BA, 2,834 sq. ft. home on 9,706 sq. ft. lot. Owned solar system (cost \$20,000). Kitchen boasts slab granite countertops with full backsplash, ample cinnamon maple cabinetry, central island and appliances: gas range, vent hood, microwave, double ovens and stainless steel dishwasher. **Offered at \$1,199,000**




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	<p><b>PENDING</b></p>  <p><b>4852 MAUNA LOA PARK DRIVE, FREMONT</b> 3 BR, 2BA, 1699 +/- Sq. Ft. <b>Offered at \$899,000</b></p>	<p><b>PENDING</b></p>  <p><b>1838 HARVEST ROAD, PLEASANTON</b> 3BR, 2BA, 1648 +/- Sq. Ft. <b>Offered at \$729,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p><b>2418 POMINO WAY, RUBY HILL</b> 5BR, 4.5BA, 4155 +/- Sq. Ft. <b>Sold for \$1,880,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p><b>3083 CRESTABLANCA DR., PLEASANTON</b> 4BR, 3BA, 3478 +/- Sq. Ft. <b>Sold for \$1,502,000</b></p>

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